

POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 2021

Via Zoom Conference

Present: Goldfein (Chair), Geffen, Wehrman, Mosee, Chaudary, Yeung

Absent: (Excused): Aleong, Qayyum

Absent (Unexcused): Rahming

Staff: Erace, Hendricks, Guy, Zajac, Grimmage

Counsel: Kivitz

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Chair's Report** – Ronda Goldfein welcomed everyone to the March 2021 remote monthly meeting. She also emphasized the importance of the CPOC legislation and the need for police oversight.
2. **Executive Director's Report** – Anthony Erace provided an update on complaints to PAC, which are down this year. He said that there are no pending police shooting investigations. Anthony congratulated Angelica Hendricks, who was honored as one of the best LGBTQ attorneys under aged 40.
3. **PAC Presentation** – PAC produced its 2017-2020 Collective Annual Report, and discussed some of its more significant accomplishments.

4. **Public Comment** - PAC's report generated several questions, including one concerning consequences. Anthony mentioned PAC's forum meetings with PPD, in which this topic can be discussed.

One question addressed PAC's process in interviewing complainants and then forwarding complaints to the Internal Affairs Division of PPD. PAC also provides constituent services to citizens making a complaint. One citizen reported a personal story which, prompted a direct report to IAD. Deputy Commissioner Dales, along with PAC, offered to be of assistance.

One citizen commented that police unions are so opposed to change. She asked whether there is a strategy to address that. Anthony Erace commented that as CPOC proceeds, with the legal powers granted to it, it shouldn't matter if police unions don't like it. PAC hopes to see Philadelphia be a role model in the establishment and operation of CPOC. Act 3 was also discussed, and the possibility of abolishing it at the state level. There was also discussion concerning police training currently being done by the PPD, to train officers to intervene if other officers are doing something improper. It is important for officers to feel safe to do that; police policy must support that officer and make them feel empowered to act. According to Deputy Commissioner Dales, if an officer is discovered not intervening based on body cam footage, there is discipline.

7:00 PM – The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM and will be held via Zoom.